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Did You Know?

Thanksgiving Trash/Recycling Schedule

City offices, buildings and facilities are closed Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25, in observance of Thanksgiving. No garbage, recycling, bulk trash, yard waste, and appliance collections take place on Thanksgiving. Thursday's collection takes place on Wednesday, November 23. Friday's collection remains the same.

Cultural Center Hosts Holiday Crafters' Market on December 4

The Greensboro Cultural Center, 200 N. Davie St., hosts the Holiday Crafters' Market from 1-6 pm Sunday, December 4. Admission and parking are free. Well-known artisans and crafters from across the Piedmont will

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City Council Recap

[Council unanimously approves \\$37,500 grant for Springfield Service Corporation](#)

City Council unanimously approved an economic development incentive grant for Springfield Service Corporation for up to \$37,500 during its November 15 meeting. The vote continues the City's trend of providing incentives to help businesses create jobs, grow, and succeed. During the next three years, the Illinois-based company plans to hire 75 new employees at an average salary of about \$28,000 per year. The loan will be paid over a five-year period once Springfield Service fills 50 new jobs.

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesday, December 6, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building, 300 W. Washington St. The newly elected City Council and mayor will be sworn in during the meeting. To view past meetings, visit City Council's [video archive](#) page.

Police Department Initiates Operation Yuletide

[City police and local church work together to spread Christmas cheer](#)

be on-hand selling unique handmade items, such as birdhouses, holiday ornaments, note cards, hair accessories, picture frames, hula hoops, jewelry, yard and garden follies, holiday gnomes, scented soaps, artwork, decorative and much more. For more information, contact Mary Alice Kurr-Murphy at 373-2731 or Barbara McKenzie at 373-2447.

Enjoy a Night Out While GYC Watches the Kids

Do you need to finish your holiday shopping? Do you need a night out without the kids? The Greensboro Youth Council has you covered from 5:30-9:45 pm Friday, December 16, at the Greensboro Sportsplex, 2400 16th St. For a small fee (see below), GYC volunteers provide safe babysitting services that include games, movies, arts and crafts, pizza, and fun. Ages five to 12 can participate. Registration deadline is December 12. Visit the [GYC website](#) and click on the Parents' Night Out link for the registration form.

Cost:

\$15 for one child
\$25 for two children
\$35 for three children

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The Greensboro Police Department's Operation Yuletide, an initiative to bring holiday cheer to 50 or more under-served families in the city, is underway. In partnership with Christ Wesleyan Church, the vision of this inaugural program is to provide each family with a ham and nonperishable foods for a traditional holiday meal, along with gifts consisting of new toys and clothing.

Greensboro Police and Christ Wesleyan Church are asking for your support with donations of new toys, non-perishable food items, new clothing, gift wrap, and money. Donations are accepted at these locations until December 9, as well as throughout the Melvin Municipal Office Building:

- Kitchen Operations Center at 2602 South Elm-Eugene St.
- Police Department administrative office at 300 W. Washington St.
- Eastern Police Division at 1106 Maple St.
- Western Police Division at 300 S. Swing Rd.
- Public Safety Training Facility at 1510 North Church St.

Monetary donations must be sent directly to Christ Wesleyan Church, 2400 S. Holden Rd., Greensboro, NC, 27407. Please indicate in the memo section of the check "Operation Yuletide." The church will provide receipts for cash donations, which are tax-deductible, and 100 percent of the donations go toward Operation Yuletide. Police Department staff and volunteers will organize the donations and deliver food and gifts to the families. For more information, contact Lt. Pam Rogers at 433-7328.

US Capitol Tree in Greensboro on Thanksgiving Day

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[Residents can sign the banner accompanying US Capitol tree en route to Washington, DC](#)

The US Capitol Christmas tree is making a stop in Greensboro on Thanksgiving Day. The tree, en route to Washington, DC from the Stanislaus National Forest



in California, will be on display on Davie Street, adjacent to the Piedmont Winterfest Ice Rink, from 1-5:30 pm. The 61-foot-tall, 118 year-old Sierra White Fir will arrive via police escort and will be accompanied by federal officials and members of the US Forestry Service. The tree is traveling to the Capitol, on a flatbed trailer with a custom-made enclosure that protects the trees branches, keeps it watered, and allows visitors to see it and touch it.

Greensboro residents are invited to have their picture taken with the tree and to sign banners that are accompanying the caravan on its journey to the Capitol. [Learn more about the tree.](#)

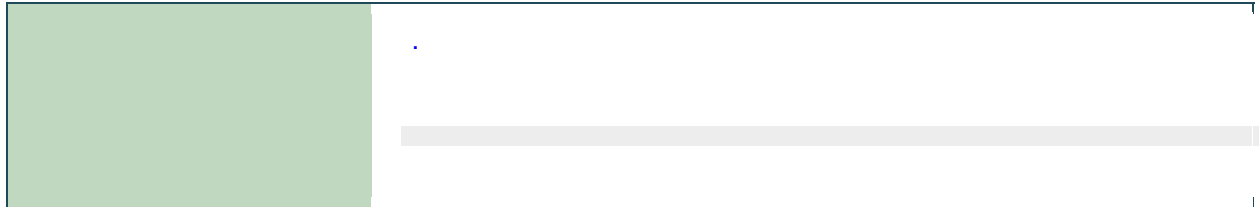
Volunteers Needed for Annual Shoppers' Day

[Volunteers to bring Christmas spirit to persons with disabilities](#)

The Greensboro Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities holds its annual Shoppers' Day on Thursday, December 1, from 8:30 am to 12 noon at Four Seasons Town Centre. Volunteers are needed to accompany shoppers, serve refreshments, and provide support for more than 200 individuals expected to participate.

Volunteers host shoppers with different abilities from area high schools and organizations throughout Guilford County, along with local residents. Shoppers' Day allows volunteers to gain valuable insight from persons with disabilities, while teaching the importance of empathy, acceptance and compassion. Volunteers also become aware of barriers that people with disabilities face on a daily basis and gain a heightened sense of awareness of the diverse population's everyday obstructions.

The event features entertainment, primarily by people with disabilities, throughout the morning. For more information or to volunteer for the Greensboro Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities or Shoppers' Day, contact Donna Gray at 373-2723 or visit [Greensboro Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities website](#)



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